

# The Humboldt Bay Alternative Rail Route Feasibility Study

In January 2012, the Eureka City Council passed a Resolution supporting the *Humboldt Bay Alternative Rail Route Feasibility Study* after the issue was brought to the Council's attention by several local citizens. Based upon the large economic potential of a rail line connecting Humboldt Bay's harbor to the national rail network in the Sacramento Valley and since it appears that North Coast Railroad Authority's (NCRA) north-south line will not be reopened in the foreseeable future, the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, County of Trinity, County of Tehama, Upstate CA Economic Development Council and the Northern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association have come together to form the *Upstate RailConnect Committee* to explore the feasibility of an alternate rail route to the east. As conceptually proposed, the east-west rail route would be roughly half of the length (approximately 125 miles) of the existing Northwestern Pacific Railroad's north-south rail line and involve a fraction of the tunnels, bridges and signaled crossings of the existing north-south rail line.

## What might be in a Alternative Rail Route Feasibility Study?

- Identification of a proposed route and alternatives
- Identification of land ownerships
- Identification of market potential
- A conceptual development plan that will include:
  - Ownership/governance
  - Estimated environmental issues and mitigations
  - Estimated development costs and timelines
  - Prelim engineering
  - Highway/port connectors
  - Additional uses of the corridor (fiber optic, trail, etc)
  - Estimated permitting needs

## Agency Support

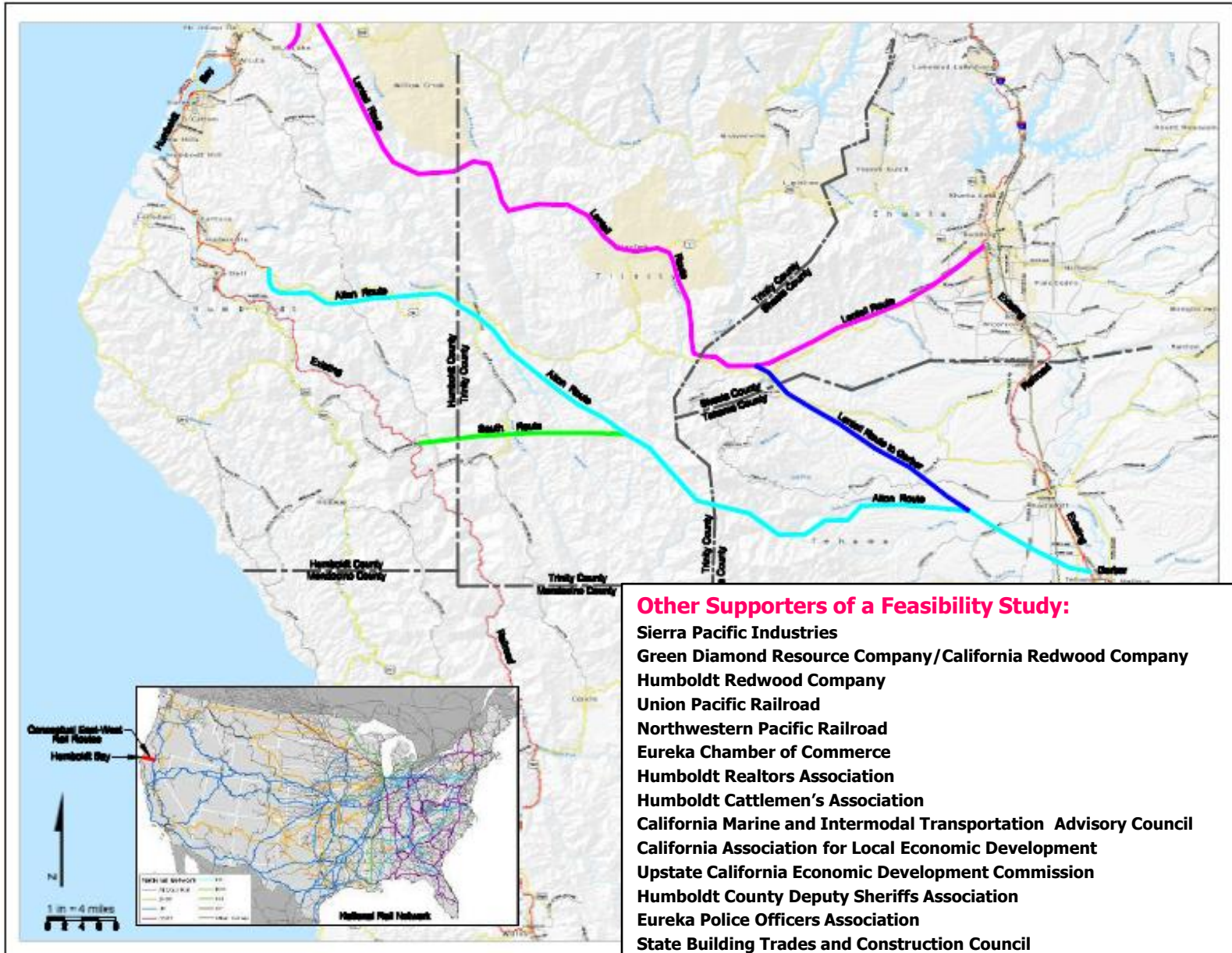
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# Conceptual East-West Rail Routes



## Other Supporters of a Feasibility Study:

Sierra Pacific Industries  
 Green Diamond Resource Company/California Redwood Company  
 Humboldt Redwood Company  
 Union Pacific Railroad  
 Northwestern Pacific Railroad  
 Eureka Chamber of Commerce  
 Humboldt Realtors Association  
 Humboldt Cattlemen's Association  
 California Marine and Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council  
 California Association for Local Economic Development  
 Upstate California Economic Development Commission  
 Humboldt County Deputy Sheriffs Association  
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 State Building Trades and Construction Council  
 Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
 International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 14  
 Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties